

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-29 (canceled)

Claim 30 (new): A method for managing information, comprising:

selecting a portion of a document;

associating each of a theme, an act, and a scene with the portion of the document, the theme being a topic for a presentation, the act relating to the ordering of information in the presentation, the scene relating to a specific presentation point in the presentation, each of the theme, act, and scene including textual information that is separate from the portion of the document; and

storing the portion of the document and its associated theme, act, and scene in a database.

Claim 31 (new): The method of claim 30, wherein the portion of the document is a page.

Claim 32 (new): The method of claim 30, wherein the portion of the document is a presentation slide.

Claim 33 (new): The method of claim 30, wherein a plurality of themes are associated with the portion of the document and stored in the database.

Claim 34 (new): The method of claim 30, wherein a plurality of acts are associated with the portion of the document and stored in the database.

Claim 35 (new): The method of claim 30, wherein a plurality of scenes are associated with the portion of the document and stored in the database.

Claim 36 (new): A method for managing information, comprising:

selecting, in a database, each of a theme, an act, and a scene, the theme being a topic for a presentation, the act relating to the ordering of information in the presentation, the scene relating to a specific presentation point in the presentation, each of the theme, act, and scene including textual information;

identifying, in the database, at least one document portion associated with the selected theme, act, and scene, the textual information being separate from the at least one document portion; and

generating a new presentation that includes the at least one document portion.

Claim 37 (new): The method of claim 36, wherein the document portion is a page of an existing document.

Claim 38 (new): The method of claim 36, wherein the document portion is a presentation slide from an existing presentation document.

Claim 39 (new): The method of claim 36, wherein a plurality of themes are selected simultaneously and the at least one document portion is identified based, in part, on the selected plurality of themes.

Claim 40 (new): The method of claim 36, wherein a plurality of acts are selected simultaneously and the at least one document portion is identified based, in part, on the selected plurality of acts.

Claim 41 (new): The method of claim 36, wherein a plurality of scenes are selected simultaneously and the at least one document portion is identified based, in part, on the selected plurality of scenes.

Claim 42 (new): A method for formatting a presentation, comprising:

- selecting a design template, the design template specifying a set of design attributes for slides in the presentation;

- selecting at least one slide for inclusion in the presentation;

- auditing the at least one slide for compliance with the design template, the auditing including at least one of identifying a slide color scheme mismatch, identifying a missing title field mismatch, identifying a blank title field, identifying a title font style mismatch, and identifying a title font size mismatch; and

- editing a format of the at least one slide to conform to the set of design attributes specified by the selected design template.

Claim 43 (new): The method of claim 42, wherein the auditing is performed before the at least one slide is imported from a database.

Claim 44 (new): The method of claim 42, wherein the editing is performed automatically.

Claim 45 (new): The method of claim 42, wherein a user is prompted to perform the editing manually.

Claim 46 (new): A system for managing information, comprising:

a user interface configured to perform the following in response to input from a user:

select a portion of a document; and

associate each of a theme, an act, and a scene with the portion of the document, the theme being a topic for a presentation, the act relating to the ordering of information in the presentation, the scene relating to a specific presentation point in the presentation, each of the theme, act, and scene including textual information that is separate from the portion of the document; and

a database in which to store the portion of the document and its associated theme, act, and scene.

Claim 47 (new): A system for managing information, comprising:

a database containing a plurality of document portions, each document portion having an associated theme, act, and scene, the theme being a topic for a presentation, the act relating to the ordering of information in the presentation, the scene relating to a specific presentation point in the presentation, each of the theme, act, and scene including textual information; and

a user interface configured to perform the following in response to input from a user:

select, in the database, each of a theme, an act, and a scene;

identifying, in the database, at least one document portion associated with the selected theme, act, and scene, the textual information being separate from the at least one document portion; and

generate a new presentation that includes the at least one document portion.

Claim 48 (new): A system for formatting a presentation, comprising:

a set of design templates, each design template specifying a set of design attributes for slides in the presentation;

a user interface configured to perform the following in response to user input:

select a design template; and

select at least one slide for inclusion in the presentation; and

a director/presentation client configured to:

audit the at least one slide for compliance with the design template, the auditing including at least one of identifying a slide color scheme mismatch, identifying a missing title field mismatch, identifying a blank title field, identifying a title font style mismatch, and identifying a title font size mismatch; and

edit a format of the at least one slide to conform to the set of design attributes specified by the selected design template.

Claim 49 (new): A computer-readable storage medium containing program instructions, comprising:

a first instruction segment configured to perform the following in response to input from a user:

select a portion of a document; and

associate each of a theme, an act, and a scene with the portion of the document, the theme being a topic for a presentation, the act relating to the ordering of information in the presentation, the scene relating to a specific presentation point in the presentation, each of the theme, act, and scene including textual information that is separate from the portion of the document; and

a second instruction segment configured to store the portion of the document and its associated theme, act, and scene in a database.

Claim 50 (new): A computer-readable storage medium containing program instructions, comprising:

a first instruction segment configured to interface with a database containing a plurality of document portions, each document portion having an associated theme, act, and scene, the theme being a topic for a presentation, the act relating to the ordering of information in the presentation, the scene relating to a specific presentation point in the presentation, each of the theme, act, and scene including textual information; and

a second instruction segment configured to perform the following in response to input from a user:

select, in the database, each of a theme, an act, and a scene;

identify, in the database, at least one document portion associated with the selected theme, act, and scene, the textual information being separate from the at least one document portion; and

generate a new presentation that includes the at least one document portion.

Claim 51 (new): A computer-readable storage medium containing program instructions, comprising:

a first instruction segment configured to perform the following in response to user input:

select a design template, the design template specifying a set of design attributes for slides in a presentation; and

select at least one slide for inclusion in the presentation; and

a second instruction segment configured to:

audit the at least one slide for compliance with the design template, the auditing including at least one of identifying a slide color scheme mismatch, identifying a missing title field mismatch, identifying a blank title field, identifying a title font style mismatch, and identifying a title font size mismatch; and

edit a format of the at least one slide to conform to the set of design attributes specified by the selected design template.